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Sir:

Attached is completed form PTO/SB/08 and copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon. Following are comments on any non-English-language references pursuant to Rule 98:

Bazille shows a bottom bracket bearing assembly where the inner races for the ball bearings are formed by the spindle itself. Further, **Bazille** discloses a floating outer bearing race as best shown on the right side outer bearing race of Fig. 2. However, this reference does not disclose a bottom bracket bearing assembly utilizing replaceable cartridge bearings, as is recited in all of the claims of the present invention. Also, the reference does not disclose the use of outer stop elements for axially locating an attached crank arm, as is disclosed in dependent claim 3 and independent claims 5, 11, and 12.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Garrett A. Smith".

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